(a) whether it is a fact that some officers in management of the Airport Authority of India have lately been proceeded against on the basis of CBI inquiries in connection with purchase of fire-tenders of capacity efficiency and sophistication much above the requirements;

(b) if so, the details of such personnel against whom proceedings were to be launched on charges of corruption; and

(c) whether they were suspended on receipt of CBI reports, if not, the particulars of such officers who were not suspended and whether any of them have since retired?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The report of investigation of the C.B.I. in the said case has not been received.

Basic Amenities for passengers at International Airports

1882. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual expenditure incurred by Government to provide basic amenities to the passengers and to those who come to see them off at the IGIA and at other international airports in the country;

(b) whether, any assessment of the facilities provided there has been made to know the adequacy or otherwise of the amenities provided at the airports; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the amenities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The expendtiure incurred during 1991-92 at IGI Airport and other international airports on maintenance and upgradation of basic amenties is Rs. 11633 lacs and Rs. 227.94 lacs respectively.

(b) and (c) On the basic of regular assessment of feedback received from passengers, deliberations of consultative committee and the analysis of traffic trends, expansion and upgradation of existing facilities are undertaken to provide adequate amenities at airports.

Representation for review of new Tourist circuits|Destinations

1883. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States, which were left out of the new tourism circuits|destinations have requested the Central Government to review their schemes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As the circuits|destinations included for intensive development and marketing have not been allocated on a State-wise basis, it is quite natural that some States do not feature in the list. However, financial assistance for tourism development to all States would continue as before on the basis of projects received from them and dependent upon their merit, interse priority and availability of funds.

The State Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka have requested for inclusion of tourist circuits|destinations of respective States in the National Action Plan for Tourism. The Government have noted their request.